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SUBJECT: MADRID PRESS REACTION TO PUERTO RICO STATEHOOD PROPOSAL

1. MADRID DECEMBER 3 AND 4 DAILY PRESS CALLED
PRESIDENT FORD'S PUERTO RICO STATEHOOD PROPOSAL
"A POISONED NEW YEAR'S GIFT" (EL PAIS), "A BOMB"
(YA), THE CAUSE OF "INDIGNATION AND STUPOR IN
PUERTO RICO" (PUEBLO), AND "ABSURD...DESTINED FOR
FAILURE" (ARRIBA).

2. A FACTUAL AND REASONED REPORT BY ALBERTO MIGUEZ
IN EL PAIS (MODERATE LEFT) CONCLUDES: "THE SITUATION
OF THE FREELY ASSOCIATED STATE CANNOT BE
SETTLED BY AN UNPOPULAR ANNEXATION AND BY THE
DISSOLUTION OF A TRANSCULTURAL COUNTRY."

3. YA (CATHOLIC): "ALL OF THE INGREDIENTS OF THE
PATERNALISM OF COLONIAL POWER...HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED
IN THE INITIATIVE LAUNCHED BY FORD BY NOT TAKING
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INTO ACCOUNT THE PECULIARITIES OF THE ISLANDERS, WHO
TODAY FEEL THAT THEY ARE BEING TOLD FROM WASHINGTON
WHAT TO DO."

4. ARRIBA (NATIONAL MOVEMENT): "PUERTO RICO (IS) AN
ISLAND THAT BELONGED TO SPAIN AND WAS LOST IN THE
COLONIAL DISASTER OF 1898...PUERTO RICO, THAT HAS

ALWAYS FELT ITS SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENCE...IS A CONSTANT
AND FLAGRANT CASE OF COLONIALISM IN THE CARRIBEAN...
THE THEME OF THIS ISLAND THAT ONCE WAS SPANISH FIGURES,
YEAR AFTER YEAR, IN THE LIST OF TERRITORIES TO WHICH
APPLY THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE COLONIAL
PEOPLES ACCORDING TO RESOLUTION 1514 OF THE UN GENERAL
ASSEMBLY...THE CAPITALISM ESTABLISHED IN PUERTO RICO
IS FEROCIOUS...THE 'FREELY ASSOCIATED STATE' SEES
CONSTANTLY ATTACKED ITS CULTURAL ROOTS...OF THE LONG-
AGO DEPENDENCE UPON SPAIN."

5. PUEBLO (SYNDICALIST): "PERHAPS THE ONLY
BENEFICIARY WILL BE JIMMY CARTER, WHO BY HIS RAPID
DECLARATION IN FAVOR OF SELF-DETERMINATION BY THE
ISLANDERS, HAS GAINED SOME POINTS OF SYMPATHY IN
THE SPANISH AMERICAN COUNTRIES." ITEM. RYLANCE

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